

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE UPTON NY
600 AM EDT MON MAR 19 2007

...THIS WEEK IS NATIONAL FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK...

TODAY'S TOPIC IS NOAA'S NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (NWS) ADVANCED
HYDROLOGIC PREDICTION SERVICE (AHPS).

AHPS IS THE NWS'S ONGOING EFFORT TO MODERNIZE HYDROLOGIC SERVICES. IT WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED RIVER AND FLOOD FORECASTS AND WATER INFORMATION ACROSS AMERICA TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY AND ENSURE THE NATION'S ECONOMIC WELL-BEING.

EVERYONE WHO MAKES DECISIONS BASED ON WATER, INCLUDING FARMERS, RIVER BOAT PILOTS, EMERGENCY MANAGERS, MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY OFFICIALS, RECREATIONISTS, AND DAM OPERATORS CAN BENEFIT FROM AHPS. BECAUSE EVERY MINUTE COUNTS, AHPS WILL HELP EMERGENCY MANAGERS BE MORE PROACTIVE TO FIGHT A FLOOD. AHPS PROVIDES INFORMATION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND BUSINESS OWNERS TO MAKE BETTER LIFE-SAVING DECISIONS ABOUT EVACUATING PEOPLE OR MOVING PROPERTY BEFORE A FLOOD. THE NAVIGATION COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO PLAN WITH BETTER CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMIZE BARGE AND SHIPPING OPERATIONS, SAVING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR. RECREATIONAL USERS WILL BE ABLE TO STAY OUT OF HARM'S WAY.

AHPS, WITH ITS SUITE OF ENHANCED INFORMATION, PROVIDES THE PUBLIC WITH MORE DETAILED AND ACCURATE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: HOW HIGH WILL THE RIVERS RISE? WHEN WILL THE RIVER REACH ITS PEAK? WHERE WILL THE FLOODING OCCUR? HOW LONG WILL THE FLOOD LAST? HOW LONG WILL THE DROUGHT LAST? HOW CERTAIN IS THE FORECAST?

TO ACCESS AHPS FOR THE NWS UPTON, NY SERVICE AREA GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEB SITE:

[HTTP://NEWWEB.ERH.NOAA.GOV/AHPS2/INDEX.PHP?WFO=OKX](http://newweb.erh.noaa.gov/AHPS2/INDEX.PHP?WFO=OKX)

THE TOPICS THAT WE WILL FOCUS ON THE REST OF THIS WEEK ARE:

TUESDAY...TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN.

WEDNESDAY...FLOODING AND RELATED PHENOMENA.

THURSDAY...FLOOD INSURANCE.

FRIDAY...FLOOD SAFETY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK USE THIS WEB SITE:

[HTTP://WWW.WEATHER.GOV/OKX/FLOODAWARENESS_WEEK.HTM](http://www.weather.gov/OKX/FLOODAWARENESS_WEEK.HTM)

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